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## **Mary Riley Styles Public Library Premieres New Drive-Up Book Drop**

FALLS CHURCH, VA – Falls Church City's Mary Riley Styles Public Library will launch its new drive-up book drop Wednesday, June 29, 2005. This new feature is easy and quick to use, offering improved customer service for the library's busy patrons.

The drive-up book drop is situated behind the Mary Riley Styles Public Library (located at 120 N. Virginia Ave., Falls Church) so patrons may return library items without ever having to leave their car, 24 hours a day! Patrons can access the drive-up drop box from the one-way access street off Park Avenue, but will not be able to access it from the Original Pancake House parking lot because of the one-way limitation.

The drive-up book drop is a heavy gauge stainless steel cabinet that collects and protects up to 500 books and other media when they are returned. The book drop features a tamper guard to prevent "fishing" items out of the cabinet and a locked access door enabling only library staff to retrieve items. The book drop has a hinged weather guard to protect books from moisture and snow and a spring-loaded book truck inside the cabinet to minimize damage to returned items. Library staff will retrieve items from the cabinet a minimum of three times per day and check them in.

This marks the second book drop for the library—but the first drive-up book drop. The original book drop near the front doors of the library will remain in service.

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